

## County Correspondence.

The Desoto County News wants the news of every section of the County, and urgently requests someone in each locality to send us a news letter every week. No matter how few items can be

gathered some weeks by you, send them anyway. If your section is left out, it will be because you have no one interested sufficiently to represent it.

### JOSHUA CREEK

We do not want to skip a report of our Christmas tree and entertainment held Christmas eve at our church, a though a little late to press on account of such disagreeable weather and busy times, but nevertheless, "better late than never." Our program committee for the tree and entertainment arranged everything just fine.

The tree was a large myrtle, and was prettily decorated with presents, ornaments, etc. At the entertainment Mr. Abriel Whidden presided.

The following was the program: Song by congregation, No. 198, Prayer.

One Little Candle: Paul Clemons. A Merry Christmas Wish: Kirby Mansfield.

Quartette. Dialogue: Carrie and Oscar Phelps. Hells Across the Snow: Mabel Keene. Violin Solo: W. P. Tucker.

Little Joe's Letter: James Keene. Recitation Kathleen Whidden. The Christ Child's Candles: Forrest Hamner.

Solo: Mrs. Inez Morgan. Christmas Chimes: Marie Ward. Christ Child and King: Dora Keene. Don't Want Much for Christmas: Leonard Smart.

How Does Santa Claus Do It? Clara Keene. Violin Solo: W. P. Tucker.

At the close of the program, which was rendered with applause, Mrs. Santa Claus entered unknown to old Santa, who came to assist him to distribute the presents, candy and nuts among the children.

This was the first time for us to see his wife: some of the children were frightened at the sight of her, and we don't blame them. She was certainly a specimen.

Shortly following came Old Santa, blowing his horn, and very happy to meet the children and shake hands with them—when he could. He wore the same clothes he did last year, but he is getting poor and thin these hard times, and he did not have as many presents to give away this year on account of the war, but in bringing his wife to take part in the ceremony, made up for all the deficiencies, and all enjoyed a good, jolly time.

We thank all on behalf of the Sunday school who took part in the program and assisted in every way, to bring the event to such a delightful success.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Parker and little son spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Parker and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Mutz and Miss Mary M. came from Punta Gorda Christmas day to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tucker.

Dr. Mutz left Monday for Tulsa, Okla., to visit his brother-in-law, Mr. Ed. Tucker. Mrs. Mutz and little daughter will stay for an indefinite period and visit with her brother, W. P. Tucker—probably until the severe weather subsides up north.

Mrs. S. Holloway and son, Sydney, and Mrs. Holloway, of Chicago, Mr. Holloway's mother, came Saturday from the Red Hills to spend a week at the Olive Place with Mrs. Holloway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Prouty.

Mrs. F. L. Burton and family are having the pleasure of entertaining her brother from California.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and little daughter, Maxine, came to our entertainment from Bunker and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newschwyer.

Mrs. N. B. Ward and little daughter, Miss Marie, accompanied her sister, Mrs. Miller, Christmas day for a two weeks' visit at her home in Bunker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemons, Paul and Miss Ione, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smart Sunday.

Mrs. Holloway, of Chicago, and Mrs. S. Holloway, of the Red Hills, were pleasantly entertained to dinner Thursday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cline went to Venus and Red Hills Tuesday on business and pleasure.

At the Olive Place Thursday night a crowd were invited to attend the social and watch night, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Various games were played until about 11:45, when all were escorted into the dining room to partake of delicious cake and lemonade. Here were toasts and roasts of unusual character and above all, the loyal good wishes of host and hostess to all present. Mrs. Sydney Holloway also is credited for this pleasant gathering, who is always ready to cheer and gladden the hearts of all around her. This happy event was in honor of Mr. Holloway's mother, Mrs. Holloway, of Chicago.

Mrs. Holloway will spend the winter with her son, Mr. Sydney Holloway, of Red Hills.

### LILLY

A great amount of rain fell here Sunday night and Monday, causing much damage to the roads.

R. L. Cowart and son, Dan, of Ona, were in our community Tuesday.

J. L. Harrison and sister, Miss Nannie, after spending several weeks here with J. F. Skipper and family, left Friday for their home in Whigham, Ga.

Miss Leoline Skipper spent Saturday at Fort Green.

Henderson Kinsey, of Arcadia, was in our community last Friday.

Mrs. W. B. Roberts went to Limestone Friday.

R. M. Stidham and family, of Limestone, were in this community Friday afternoon.

### FISHEATING CREEK.

Christmas holidays with the rush of visitors are a think of the past. A community Christmas tree at the church was a source of enjoyment on Christmas eve.

Many from this community attended the Christmas exercises at Adrian school on Wednesday prior to the holidays.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Engelmann, the Sunday school of Fisheating Creek Baptist church enjoyed candies, nuts, popcorn, apples and toys on the last Sunday morning of the old year.

The pupils of Fisheating Creek school rendered an interesting program at 2 p. m. on Wednesday before the holidays. Patriotic and Christmas songs were sung and "Christmas at Castle Hall," a play with a beautiful Christmas sentiment, was produced by the students. The decorations and a tree lent festivity to the scene. Candy, apples, bananas and nuts were enjoyed at the conclusion of the literary program.

Col. G. P. Harben spent the weekend in Arcadia with his sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Driggers and mother, Mrs. Dennis Driggers, and sister, Miss Minnie, of Bee Ridge, Manatee county, came to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Poole.

Mrs. Dennis Driggers was suddenly stricken with paralysis and died on New Year's day. Other relatives who came to her bedside were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Driggers and Miss Lillie and Messrs. Reesin and John Co-wart, of Wauchula. The corpse was conveyed to Wauchula by automobile, and interment took place at New Hope church. The children and grandchildren have the sympathy of all.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ingram and baby, Hazel, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ingraham on Thursday.

Mrs. S. E. Ingram and Mrs. Langford visited Dr. J. B. Ingram Tuesday.

Mr. C. C. Cook has gone back to traveling for his company, after spending several weeks at home.

Miss Gladys Harben, accompanied by her brother, Melvin, returned to Arcadia Monday after a ten days' visit with home folks.

Mr. Harry Houshalter is spending some time here at his home.

Jasper Holland went to LaBelle this week.

Mrs. J. A. Purvis, of Bigler, came over Monday with her daughters, Annie May and Ethel, who stay at Mrs. J. M. Ingraham's while attending school here.

Mr. Alfred Engelmann has returned to Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins, of Red Hills, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Engelmann.

Mrs. W. J. Stribling, of Westminster, S. C., visited her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Ingraham.

Mr. Bishop has returned to Alabama after spending three months here. He will bring his family on his return.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gaskins have returned to their home here, to the delight of their many friends.

### ADRIAN

Mr. Leonard Avery, one of our much respected citizens, who has been a resident of Lucky Island for the past two years, and who possessed the rights of a fine hundred and sixty acres of homestead land, died last Saturday evening from lung trouble. Mr. Avery's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Avery, were with Leonard at the time of his death, and were with him at his homestead for the past year. They are people who command the respect, good feeling and sympathy of all who have had the good fortune to gain their friendship and acquaintance. They are accompanying the remains to Erie, Ill., their former home, where burial will be made and services held. All having the good fortune of Mr. and Mrs. George Avery's acquaintance are wishing them a successful trip and a speedy return to Florida.

Mr. Collins is in Arcadia for a time. Miss Ethel Dunkley is now acting as nurse with the sick in Arcadia.

The heavy rains of late checked the progress of our farmers to quite an extent, but our friend Litson seems to push through just the same. When a little more ditching is done for drainage the conditions will be much improved.

Many of Adrian's good hearted people extended to Mr. and Mrs. Avery a helping hand at a time when sympathy was needed.

### PALMDALE

The revival services being held here are well attended and much interest is being manifested.

Mrs. Benthe, has had plans drawn for a house 32x36, which she expects to build on her land near town as soon as the weather permits. D. M. Bullard has the contract to build the house.

C. McKimpson has a fine field of Bermuda onions. They are all of a large size now, although the crop does not mature until April.

Lemuel Ross became the resident manager of the Palmdale Land Company the first of the year, taking the position of J. C. Dazey. Mr. Ross and wife will also manage the hotel the coming year.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Dazey expect to go on their farm, so we will not lose them from our midst, which would be a great misfortune.

George H. Perry and family have

## CARRANZAISTS GIVEN DECISIVE DEFEAT BY VILLA

VICTORIA SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN. TWO BATTALIONS DESERT TO VILLA. SCOTT TO GET MAYTORENA'S SIGNATURE TO PEACE AGREEMENT.

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 11.—Reports received here last night, believed to be authentic, stated that Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas, had been captured by Villa troops after an extended siege. The dispatches gave no details.

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 11.—Carranza troops under General Antonio Villareal and Maclovia Herrera, have been decisively defeated by forces of Villa at Saltillo, Mexico, and are retreating toward Monterrey with the Villa forces in close pursuit, according to advices received here.

It is said that a train load of wounded has arrived at Monterrey, the Carranza base of operations. The Carranza defeat is said to have resulted from a misunderstanding of orders, the troops of Villareal and Herrera becoming demoralized after positions of advantage had been gained.

It is reported that three battalions of Carranza troops joined the Villa forces.

The battle, which ended yesterday, began early Friday, the Carranza forces attacking the city, which had been occupied by the Villa troops without opposition early in the week.

Wants Name to Agreement.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 11.—General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, left yesterday for Naco Arizona, where he expects to secure the signature of Governor Maytorena to an agreement already signed by General Hill to end fighting along the border.

Villa left Juarez yesterday for the south. His destination was said to be Tampico, where he plans a concentrated attack on the Carranza garrison.

decided to return to their former home in Springfield, Mo. We regret losing this estimable family very much. The little children of Palmdale will greatly miss their loved Sunday school teacher, Miss Anna Perry.

Ralph Blair autoed to Arcadia Tuesday, accompanied by J. C. Dazey, O. O. Carr and D. M. Bullard, who went over to the county seat for the purpose of placing a petition before the county commissioners in regard to changing the proposed road between here and Punta Gorda.

Jack Krantler's brother arrived Monday from Cuba to make a short visit.

J. C. Willard made a business trip to LaBelle Tuesday.

Ralph Blair autoed to LaBelle on Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Bentke and Lemuel Ross, Mrs. Bentke going on to Fort Myers to meet two nieces.

H. L. DeLaney autoed to Lakeport Monday and Tuesday with parties for that place.

H. L. DeLaney has put in a complete line of groceries in his building in West Palmdale. Palmdale can now boast of three stores.

Mrs. Bentke returned Saturday from Fort Myers, accompanied by two nieces from Illinois, who expect to visit here for some time.

Ralph Blair autoed to Fort Myers Friday after a party of land owners for this place.

J. C. Willard transacted business in LaBelle Friday.

Messdames A. E. Barnard, S. Bridgton, Mamie and Ireta Hamilton, of LaBelle, were registered at the Palmdale Friday.

W. R. Thompson and Fred Ball arrived Friday from Springfield, Mo., and expect to remain several days looking over their land in this vicinity. They are registered at the Palmdale.

F. C. Ready has cabbage ready for home use now.

Charles Bodzin and William Schrell arrived Saturday from Pipestone, Minn., with a load of implements, the first of several loads which they have just unloaded in LaBelle. Mr. Bodzin owns several tracts of land near here, and expects to build a house and improve the land at once. Their families will come later.

J. C. Dazey and wife came down from their farm Saturday and spent Sunday in our midst.

### HONOR ROLL

Of Bowling Green High School. Average Above Ninety.

Beginners: Lillian Bryan, Miles Jones, Effie Tucker, Clyde Hunter, Nellie Outchfield, Lilliebell O'Hancey, Iris Carlton.

First Grade: Nomer Hayes, Ralph Bryant.

Second Grade: George Marsh, Ernest Brown, Doris Minor.

Third Grade: Jessie Griffiths, Mae Parrish.

Fourth Grade: Vera Carlton, Minola Bryant.

Seventh Grade: Hortense Bryant, Lois Nesca, Maude Vinson, Winona Ratcliff, Bertie Bryan, Robert Hopson, Loyce Seally, Bertha Wood.

Eighth Grade: Lillie Nicholson, Grace Reagan, Juanita Bryant, George Cox, Jewel Quten, Willie Bryan, Harry Peoples.

Ninth Grade: Aline Sellars.

Tenth Grade: Katie Albritton, Ethel Jones, Clara Jones, Mary King, Weta Sealey, Elwyna Rudisill.

Above was for the month ending December 4th, 1914.

### LABORATORY IN TALLAHASSEE FOR BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jacksonville, Jan. 11.—Because of the long distance between Jacksonville and Pensacola, and the inconvenience this has caused the physicians of Tallahassee and vicinity in not receiving quick reports on specimens which they have submitted to the state board of health laboratories at those points for examination, a branch laboratory has been established in Tallahassee for the better protection of the public health. Dr. W. A. Claxton, formerly assistant bacteriologist in the central laboratory in Jacksonville, is now in charge of the Tallahassee laboratory, with headquarters in the Hirschberg building.

Physicians in towns located between Tallahassee and Pensacola, or between Tallahassee and Jacksonville, can see the train schedules in mailing specimens, as oftentimes these towns, although located nearer one of the laboratories by actual distance, can obtain quicker reports on specimens by mailing them to the laboratory which can be reached in the least time.

LEO FRANK'S APPEAL BOND IS APPROVED.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Justice Lamar's approval of an appeal bond in the case of Leo M. Frank yesterday completed the formality of the appeal to the supreme court in so far as Justice Lamar is concerned. The bond insures the payment of costs in the event that Frank loses.

The next step will be the docketing of the appeal. That cannot be done until the clerk of the Georgia federal court in which the habeas corpus proceedings originated, certifies a record to the supreme court. Georgia cannot ask to have the case advanced for an early hearing until the case is docketed.

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## AVON PARK

### DEPARTMENT

S. F. TUCKER, Editor

All communications for this department should be handed to Mr. Tucker. Send subscriptions, advertisements and job work to the editor of this department.

Mrs. H. M. Thompson, Mrs. K. Hinsdale and sister, arrived in the Park Saturday from the north.

A special meeting of the town council Monday evening, January 11th. An election will be held January 14th to fill vacancies in the council.

The firm of King & Langston has been dissolved.

The assessor has notified the public to send in their lists of all property for taxation. The law requires this, and all should comply.

Mayor Swearingen held court Monday morning.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will give a New England supper at Gray's hall January 14th from 5 to 8 p. m. Everybody come and get a square meal.

The Woman's Missionary Society met in the Congregational church parlors Tuesday, January 12th, at 3 p. m. Officers were elected for the coming year.

Rev. Burk will continue the revival services this week at the Baptist church.

Leigh chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, met Friday evening in the Masonic hall. There was a good attendance, and the ladies served a lunch after the meeting.

Our northern guests here on their first visit believe we have been fooling them with stories of balmy zephyrs and sunshine. We forgive them. We begin to think something is out of gear.

## BUILDING MATERIAL

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